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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

TITLE: Building Bridges and Bonds (B3) Study: Data Collection

OMB NO.: New Collection

DESCRIPTION: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF),
Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) proposes to collect
information as part of the Building Bridges and Bonds (B3) study. B3
will inform policymakers, program operators, and stakeholders about
effective ways for fatherhood programs to support fathers in their
parenting and employment. In particular, partnering with programs
that serve low-income fathers to promote responsible fatherhood, the
B3 study will examine the effectiveness of strategies used to (1)
engage fathers in program activities, (2) develop and support
parenting and co-parenting skills, and (3) advance the employment of
disadvantaged fathers. The study will include up to six sites and
specific interventions will vary by site.

B3 includes an impact evaluation and a process study. The impact evaluation will involve randomly assigning individuals to a treatment or comparison condition and comparing key outcomes including employment; earnings; child support; father/child contact, shared activities, and relationship quality; father's commitment to his

child, parenting skills, and parenting efficacy; co-parenting relationship quality; and criminal justice outcomes.

The process study will describe and document each newly established intervention and how it operated to provide insight into the treatment differentials and the context for interpreting findings of the impact study and highlight lessons to the field.

Data collection instruments for the B3 study include the following:

(1) Screening for program eligibility.(2) nFORM management information system (MIS) to record study and participation information. (3)

Baseline and follow-up surveys for the impact study. (4) Staff surveys and interviews, focus groups with participants and mothers, mobile device surveys for participants, and post-session debrief forms to inform the process study.

Respondents: Fathers seeking services from one of the six Responsible Fatherhood Programs in the B3 study and staff members working at the B3 sites.

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Additional Information: Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address: OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov.

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